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PORT AND WATERWAY INFORMATION LINE

A Coast Guard toll-free hotline is now available to provide both commercial and recreational mariners with the latest, up-to-date information on local waterways and port openings, closures and restrictions. The Coast Guard Maritime Safety Line: **1-800-682-1796**, has information for the Ports of Fernandina, Jacksonville and Cape Canaveral, Florida. The Maritime Safety Line also covers updated information for more than 30 Coast Guard Captains of the Ports from the Mississippi River to the Atlantic Ocean.

The Safety Line is broken into five regions:

- The Northeast Region, including most of New York, Rhode Island, Maine and Massachusetts;
- The Mid-Atlantic/Southeast Region, comprised of eastern and southern Florida, Georgia, South and North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and eastern Pennsylvania;
- The Gulf Region made up of Northwest Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, and Texas;
- The Great Lakes Region, including western New York, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota;
- The Mid-West Rivers Region, including Missouri, West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Tennessee.

Puerto Rico has its own information line, with information on 22 ports. It is 1-787-706-2415.

For additional information please call Lieutenant Zachary Pickett, Chief of Port Operations, at (904) 232-2640 ext. 108.

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